(d) whether Government are contemplating amending its fiscal, policies to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Since the pesenta-tion of the Union Budget on February 28, 1994 the Reserve Bank of India has purchased US $ 6642 million from authorised dealers upto July 22, 1994.

(b) The US dollar being the intervention currency, sale and purchase of foreign exchange from the authorised dealers are effected in U.S.. dollars. The purchases by the RBI are determined by the surplus of' US dollars in the Indian foreign exchange market.

(c) Accretion to foreign exchange reserves results in reserve money creation. This increase in reserve money leads to money supply expansion which if excessive, contributes be inflation. However, supplyside factors like foodgtain stocks, availability of foreign exchange reserves r;c. mitigate these inflationary pres-sures. In the current year, the Cen-tt-al Government's recourses to net RBI credit has bean significantly lower which has moderated the impact of foreign exchange reserves on serve money and on money supply expansion.

(d) Government is determined to keep the fiscal deficit within 6 per of GDP duing 1994-S5 against 73 per cent during 1993-94 and also restrict the recourse to ad hoc trea- bills as stipulated in the Budget for 1994-95. Fiscal policy is cons- under tantlyunder review to meet the exig' .- ncies of thd situation.

Withdrawal of subsidy from energy sector

137. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a), whether it is a fact that Gov eminent are considering a proposal to completely withdraw subsidy from the energy sector; and

(b) if so, what is the extent and expected rise in the power tariff a a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) No, Sir. The tariff for sale of electricity to the different sectors of consumers and the extent of subsidy to he provided is fixed by the SEBs with the approval of-the concerned State Governments.

(b) Does -not arise.

Expansion of. AIR/DD network in Madhya Pradesh

*133. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM; Will the Minister .of INFORMA-TION" AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: *

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Gov, '.rnraent have recently sent proposals to the Union Government for the expansion of AIR/Doordarshan net- I work;

(b) if so, whether theexisting number of T.V. transmitters and AIR M-afions in the State are inadequate : to cover the emirs population and area; and

(e) if so, the plans of Government to set up such AIR/Doordarshan. trans-mitters during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Present coverage of the State by AIR is 97 percent by population and 95 percent by area, while the coverage by Doordarshan is 69.7 per . cent by population and 64.4 per cent i by area. The national average- cove-! rage is as follows;

	AIR	Doordarshan
By population	97%	84.6%
By area	89.6%	66.8%

(c) During the 8th Plan period, Doordarshan plans to set up three high power and twenty low power/ very low power transmitters at the Places given in Statement. *(Sea* below) AIR plans to upgrade [augment the power of the existing transmitters at Jagdalpur from 2x10 KW MW to 100 KW MW and at Gwalior from 10 KW MW to 2x10 KW MW. A 2x5 KW FM transmitter is also under implementation at Jabalpur. Recently, a 50 KW SW transmitter has been commissioned at Bhopal.

Statement

	High Power Transmitters			
1.	Ambikapur	10	KW	
2.	Guna	10	KW	
3.	Shahadol	1	KW	
4.	Jabalpur	10	KW	(inaugurated on 29-7-94)
	Low Power Transmitters			
1.	Datia	100	Watt	
2.	Bijapur	100	Watt	
3.	Lahar	100	Watt	
4.	Kelaras	100	Watt	
5.	Bhandir	100	Watt	
6.	Ashoknagar	100	Watt	
7.	Jashpurnagar	10	Watt	
8.	Gaderware	100	Watt	
9.	Kukadeshwar	100	Watt	
10.	Khurai	100	Watt	
11.	Maihar	100	Wat	
12.	Sakti	100	Watt	
13.	Parasia	10	Watt	
14.	Singroli	10	Watt	
15.	Kondagaon	10	Watt	
16.	Pakhanjore	10	Watt	
17.	Budhni	10	Watt	
18.	Alirajpur	100	Watt	(Commissioned on 30-7-1994)
19.	Bhopal	100	Watt	(DD—2) (Commissioned on 29-7-1994)
20.	Sironj	100	Watt	